Unit 1 Title: Working Together

**Lesson Title:** Personal and Ethical Skills **Lesson** 1 of 2

**Grade Level:** 4

**Length of Lesson**: 30 minutes

### Missouri Comprehensive SchoolCounseling Big Idea:

CD.9: Applying Skills for College and Career Readiness and Success

#### **Grade Level Expectation (GLE):**

CD.9.A.04: Demonstrate personal and ethical skills needed to work with diverse groups of

people.

#### American School Counselor Association (ASCA) Mindsets and Behaviors:

Career Development

#### Materials (include activity sheets and/ or supporting resources)

Writing paper and pencils for each student

Dry erase board/SMART board/other visual display, and markers as needed

**Show Me Standards: Performance Goals (check one or more that apply)** 

	Goal 1: Gather, analyze and apply information and ideas
	6. Discover and evaluate patterns and relationships in information, ideas, and
	structures
X	8. Organize data, information, and ideas into useful forms (including charts, graphs,
	outlines) for analysis or presentation
	10. Apply acquired information, ideas, and skills to different contexts as students,
	workers, citizens, and consumers
	Goal 2: Communicate effectively within and beyond the classroom
X	3. Exchange information, questions, and ideas while recognizing the perspectives of
	others
	Goal 3: Recognize and solve problems
X	3. Develop and apply strategies based on one's own experience in preventing or
	solving problems
	Goal 4: Make decisions and act as responsible members of society
X	1. Explain reasoning and identify information used to support decisions
	8. Explore, prepare for, and seek educational and job opportunities

# This lesson supports the development of skills in the following academic content areas. Academic Content Area(s) Specific Skill(s)

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Y	Communication Arts	6. Participating in formal and informal presentations
Λ		and discussions of issues and ideas
	Mathematics	
v	Social Studies	6. Relationships of the individual and groups to
X		institutions and cultural traditions
	Science	
	Health/Physical Education	
	Fine Arts	

## **Enduring Life Skill(s)**

X	Perseverance	X	Integrity	X	Problem Solving
X	Courage	X	Compassion	X	Tolerance
X	Respect	X	Goal Setting		

### **Lesson Measurable Learning Objectives**

The student will identify two personal and two ethical skills needed to work with diverse groups of people.

### **Lesson Formative Assessment (acceptable evidence):**

Assessment should relate to the performance outcome for goals, objectives and GLE. Assessment can be question answer, performance activity, etc.

Students will work together and generate a list of skills needed to work with diverse groups of people.

#### **Lesson Preparation**

**Essential Questions:** 

What does it look like when someone doesn't respect another person's ideas and differences? What does it look like when someone does respect another person's ideas and differences? What communication skills do people need to have to be successful in the world of work?

**Engagement (Hook):** Select 6 students to stand in front of the class. The counselor will ask, "What does "diverse" mean to you? Is this a diverse group? If so, how is it diverse?" Share how this group is diverse.

#### **Procedures**

	ocedures/Instructional Strategies:	Stud	lent Involvement/Instructional Activities:
	the first of two lessons. In this		
	ents will be working		
individually	; in the second lesson students		
are assigned	d a group goal requiring them		
to work in a	a group.		
1. "What does	s 'diverse' mean to you?"	1.	Students will brainstorm the meaning of
Write stude	ent responses on dry erase		"diversity." Their definitions will

board/SMART board/other visual display. Tell students, "When we work in groups – we work with people who are similar to and different from us in many ways. We call this 'diversity'. The people in the groups are diverse. For this lesson and the next, we are going to be examining the personal and ethical skills people need in order to accomplish goals through working together. What do you need to do to show respect to and acceptance of other people when working together?" (To stimulate their thinking -- give examples of times when they have or will work in diverse groups.)

represent a broad spectrum of diversity. Diversity of thought, of hairstyle choices, of tastes in music and more.

- 2. Give each student a sheet of notebook paper. "You have two minutes—write as many skills as you can think of to help you work with diverse groups of people." Challenge students to brainstorm as many ideas as they can. Let them write for about two minutes. (Save list for lesson 2.)
- 2. Students will write as many skills as they can in two minutes (e.g. listening, taking turns, respect, sharing ideas, accepting ideas). List will be saved for lesson 2.
- 3. Ask, "How can you respect others' ideas when you are working together in the large group?"
- 3. Students listen and share ideas for showing respect for classmates' responses (e.g. listen, take turns sharing, accepting different ideas and points of view).
- 4. Ask students to volunteer to share items they have listed on their paper and write the responses on the chart or chalkboard. Determine which ideas may not work and which ones are most important when working with others.
- 4. Students volunteer and share responses.

- 5. Review the definition of Personal and Ethical Skills. "Does anyone know what these words mean?" Explain: "The skills on the board are important skills for students or people to have when they are doing their work or job."
- 5. Students will rethink the personal and ethical skills they identified and asterisk those they believe would be most helpful in a group. They will mark with a "P" the skills they need to practice.
- Personal Skills are skills about how a person treats themselves or others. Important personal skills:

- helpful, friendly, kind, caring, good listener, and compassion.
- Ethical Skills are skills a person uses when trying to do the right thing in different situations.
   Important ethical skills: honesty, doing the right thing, doing your own work and doing your best work.

"How would each skill work or not work? What skills need to be practiced?" Challenge students on their ideas or set up situations for role-plays.

- 6. Have students think about what skills they have successfully used in groups in the past. Select students to role-play their situation. "What was effective about the skills you used? What was not effective about the skills you used?" Play devil's advocate in different situations.
- 6. Students will describe a situation in which they helped a group solve a problem and a situation in which they did not. Students will volunteer to role-play their situation. They will identify actions "to keep" and actions "to throw-away."

# **Teacher Follow-Up Activities**

Encourage classroom teachers to acknowledge the personal and ethical skills students routinely use everyday and to encourage the class to prepare for the next lesson as stated above.

Counselor reflection notes (completed after the lesson)					